

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2006

CATEGORY	JULY 2006	JULY 2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	8	6	38	45
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	4	3
FIRE	65	35	177	163
HAZMAT	176	189	1289	1225
OTHER	65	45	258	203
911 OUTAGES	6	3	20	28
SAR	102	78	433	335
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	7	8	36	38
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	2
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(8)	(2)	(29)	(22)
TOTAL	429	365	2256	2042

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On July 1, Yakima County commenced a rescue for two hikers with hypothermia on Mount Adams. Tacoma Mountain Rescue from Pierce County and Portland Mountain rescue from Oregon assisted in the rescue. The subjects were extracted the next day and transported to the hospital to receive medical treatment for hypothermia.

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- On July 4, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported an earthquake, magnitude 3.6 occurring at 1337 hours and was located 15.7 miles south southwest of Friday Harbor, WA. There were several reports of the event being felt in Clallam and San Juan Counties. There were no reports of damages.
- On July 4, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for King and Chelan Counties. The weather system moved swiftly through both jurisdictions with no reports of damages. As the day continued, additional Severe Thunderstorm Warnings were issued for Spokane, Lincoln, Walla Walla, Garfield, Asotin, Douglas, Grant and Ferry Counties. No damages were reported and all Severe Thunderstorm activity ceased by the end of the day.
- On July 6, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Grant and Douglas Counties during the morning. That afternoon a Severe Thunderstorm Watch was issued for Spokane, Adams, Lincoln, Douglas, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman Counties. In addition, a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and Flash Flood Warning were issued in the early evening for Okanogan County. All warnings and watches were allowed to expire.
- On July 6, the Umatilla Chemical Depot reported an attached military member suffered a compound leg fracture in a motorcycle accident on South Patrol Road. He was transported to the local hospital for treatment. No chemical agent was involved.
- On July 7, the Umatilla Chemical Depot reported an employee suffered extensive lower leg injuries in a large bin dolly accident. He was transported to the local hospital for treatment. No chemical agent was involved.
- On July 7, Pierce County Sheriff's Department commenced an evidence search for Saturday, July 8, just southeast of Eatonville. Twenty Explorer Search and Rescue (ESAR) volunteers were later requested to assist in the search of 40 to 50 acres.

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- On July 10, Chelan County Sheriff's Department requested cadaver dogs to meet on Saturday, July 15, near Trinity Trailhead to search for the missing male hiker. The hiker has been missing since last fall and his vehicle was discovered this past weekend after a significant snow melt. Dog teams from King County Sheriff's Office assisted in the search effort. The search was closed on July 15, by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office when nothing was found.
- On July 11, Snohomish County Sheriff's Department commenced recovery operations for two female bodies located near Pinnacle Lake. On July 12, additional ground personnel from Skagit and King Counties assisted in the completion of recovery operations.
- On July 12, the State EOC activated to Phase II Enhanced Operations in response to high risk operations at the Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD). Sensors in igloo K1889 indicated levels of GB (Saran) above safety levels and immediately dangerous to life and health. Chemical operations specialists entered the igloo to identify the source of the agent but were unable to determine which rocket was leaking. Teams resealed the igloo while UMCD planned the next phase of the response. The State EOC resumed Phase I Normal Operations at 1700 hours the same day.
- On July 12, the National Weather Service in Spokane issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Adams, Lincoln, and Spokane counties as a storm front moved through the area. The warning expired with no reported damages.
- On July 20, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued an Excessive Heat Warning for the Puget Sound areas of King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap counties through the evening of July 24.
- On July 20, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued an Excessive Heat Watch for Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania Counties through the evening of July 24.
- On July 21, the National Weather Service in Pendleton issued a Fire Weather Watch for Klickitat and Yakima counties effective for 23 July. The Fire Weather Watch was allowed to expire.
- On July 24, Snohomish County commenced a search for missing Alzheimer's patient in Lynwood. Additional tracking and air scent dog resources were coordinated from King and Pierce County. The individual was located in Oregon the following week in good condition and returned home to Lynnwood.

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- On July 25 Mason County commenced a search for a missing man in the Belfair area of Hood Canal. Additional resources from Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap county and Grays Harbor Counties assisted in the search. The subject was quickly located about 35 minutes later and all resource requests were cancelled at 0208 hours.
- On July 27, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported an earthquake, magnitude 3.3, at Mount St. Helens. The earthquake occurred at 1641 hours. There were no reports of the event being felt in the surrounding area.
- On July 28, the State EOC activated to Phase II Enhanced Operations in response to a 1600 acre fire located 3 miles south of Stehekin in Chelan County. The Flick Creek Fire was on extremely steep terrain. As of this report, the fire has consumed over 3500 acres and no estimate of containment.
- On July 28, a Fire Mobilization was declared for the Hatch Grade Fire in Walla Walla County. The fire was controlled on July 30, with Fire Demobilization declared at 2000 hrs that day. Fire consumed over 8100 acres.
- On July 29, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Eastern Washington. The watch was in effect from Sunday morning through Sunday evening. A hot dry temperature with low relative humidity was expected to create critical fire weather conditions.
- On July 29, the Chief of the Washington State Patrol authorized Fire Mobilization for the Silcott Fire in Asotin County. A total of 3500 - 4000 acres were burned and two out buildings were lost prior to controlling the fire. Demobilization of fire resources was declared at 1230 hours, July 30.
- On July 30, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Douglas, Grant, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams, and Whitman Counties effective through the early evening hours of July 30. The warning was cancelled that afternoon when weather conditions improved.
- On July 31, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported two separate earthquakes at Mount St. Helens. The first at 0233 hours measuring magnitude 3.6. The second earthquake occurred at 0944 hours measuring magnitude 3.5. There were no reports of damage or the event being felt in the surrounding area.

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- As of this report, the State Emergency Operations Center remains at Phase II operations monitoring wildfires burning within Washington State.

- For the month of July 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 92 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 21 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 716 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 20 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 30 exercises of which 24 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1585 and answered 1918 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1890 National Warning System (NAWAS) tests and 240 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 60 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
 - Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)